

## IF A PERSON WHO DOESN'T PRAY PERFORMS HAJJ, IS HIS HAJJ ACCEPTED?

**Answered by Shaykh Sulaymān al-'Alwān (حفظه الله):**

The brother asks that there's a brother who doesn't pray and he performed hajj at a particular time, will his Hajj be valid?

We would say, did he pray at Hajj or not? If he prayed at Hajj, then he has entered into Islām and become a Muslim and his Hajj is valid. And if he abandoned Salāh afterwards, we would call him a disbeliever, however if he returns back to Islām, his deeds would return back to him.

This is according to the most correct opinion amongst the scholars, because Allah (جل وعلا) said "And whoever of you turns away from his religion (to disbelief) and dies while being a disbeliever"

The meaning of this Āyah is that if he returns back to Islām, his deeds will return back to him, and the deeds aren't nullified except if he died upon disbelief, and this is one of the two sayings from Imam Ahmad (رحمه الله) and that was chosen by Shaykh al-Islām ibn Taymiyyāh (رحمه الله).